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SUBJECT: MINTOFF TRIP TO EUROPE

- 1. GOM PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF LEFT MALTA ON JUNE 29 FOR A VISIT TO WEST GERMANY AND SEVERAL OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON JULY 4.
- 2. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL GOM ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING MINTOFF'S SCHEDULE, THE MALTESE PRESS IS REPORTING THAT HE IS EXPECTED TO HAVE TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, SPAIN AND "PROBABLY FRANCE," IN ADDITION TO SPENDING TWO DAYS IN WEST GERMANY.
- 3. MINTOFF WAS ACCOMPANIED BY GOM ATTORNEY GENERAL, DR, EDGAR MIZZI; ROVING MALTESE AMBASSADOR JOSEPH ATTARD KINGSWELL; ALBERT MIZZI, CHAIRMAN OF AIR MALTA AND SEA MALTA; AND JOE CAMILLERI, MINTOFF'S PROVATE SECRETARY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. COMMENT: THE PRO-MINTOFFIAN LABOR NEWSPAPERS
CLAIM THAT MINTOFF WILL BE PRESSING HIS CSCE PROPOSALS
ON THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA WITH HIS VARIOUS HOSTS.
THE WEST GERMAN PORTION OF HIS TRIP ALSO IS EXPECTED
TO FOCUS ON A LONG PENDING LOAN OFFER TO MALTA. IN
ADDITION, IT IS LIKELY THAT MINTOFF WILL PURSUE MALTA'S
CLAIM FOR INCREASED BENEFITS FFROMHE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
AS WELL. AS USUAL, MINTOFF'S TRIP HAS BEEN LARGELY SELFGENERATING AND IS DESIGNED FURTHER TO ENHANCE HIS REPUTATION
AS AN INTERNATIONAL "STATESMAN." SMITH

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